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SUBJECT: POLADS DISCUSSION OF UK RESOLUTION ON MDW

REFS: (A) STATE 206505, (B) STATE 194461, (C) GENEVA 6998,

(D) NATO 7760

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF UK DRAFT RESOLUTION AT AUGUST 17, 23 AND 30 POLADS MEETINGS, NORWEGIAN, DANISH, FRG, CANADIAN, AND ITALIAN REPS SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES FOUND UK DRAFT GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. NETHERLANDS BELIEVED DRAFT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED TO GAIN NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT. POLADS MADE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ON INSTRUCTIONS.

- (A) FIRST PREAMBULAR PARA RECALLING 1948 DEFINITION: CANADIANS PROPOSED THAT THIS PARA BECOME OPERATIVE PARA ONE, CHANGING "RECALLING" TO "REAFFIRMS", IN ORDER TO ENTRENCH MORE FIRMLY THE DEFINITION AND PREVENT THE USSR FROM HAVING A NEW DEFINITION ACCEPTED BY THE UNGA.

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- (B) BRACKETED PREAMBULAR PARA ON 1975 AND 1976 RESOLUTIONS: FRG AND DANES WANTED TO DROP THIS PARA; CANADIANS WANTED TO DROP AND RESTORE LATER IF TACTICALLY USEFUL; AND NETHERLANDS WANTED TO RETAIN, CHANGING "RECALLING" TO "REAFFIRMING".

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- (C) FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARA: NETHERLANDS WANTED TO CHANGE "DISCOURAGING" TO "PREVENTING" BEFORE PHRASE "THE APPLICATION OF NEW SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES".

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- (D) FIFTH PREAMBULAR PARA: FRG WANTED TO DELETE

"WITH SATISFACTION" IN VIEW OF INADEQUATE (SIC) VERIFICATION PROVISIONS OF BW CONVENTION, AND TO ADD REFERENCE TO SALT. NETHERLANDS WANTED TO ADD REFERENCES TO LANFZ, LTBT, ANTARCTIC TREATY, AND NPT ARTICLE VI.

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- (E) FIRST OPERATIVE PARA: FRG WANTED TO CHANGE "CONDEMNS" TO "EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT" TO COUNTERACT ANY POSSIBLE SOVIET PROPAGANDA ON THE NEUTRON BOMB.

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- (F) FRG WANTED TO ADD A NEW OPERATIVE PARA FOUR ON NEED FOR A CLEAR DEFINITION OF NEW MDW AND EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION.

2. US REP REVIEWED AT AUGUST 17 MEETING US COMMENTS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 REF B AND PARA 2 REF C, AND CIRCULATED PAPER WITH THESE COMMENTS TO POLADS.

3. AT AUGUST 30 MEETING US REP DREW ON PARA 3 REF A WITHOUT REFERRING TO REVISED UK DRAFT. UK REP INFORMED US HIS AUTHORITIES DECIDED NOT TO CIRCULATE A REVISED DRAFT AT AUGUST 30 MEETING, IN LIGHT OF ACDA OFFICERS COMMENTS (REF C) ON PRELIMINARY REVISED DRAFT THAT INCORPORATED SOME SUGGESTIONS OFFERED BY ALLIES IN POLADS AND AT CCD. GLITMAN

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